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Sent: 7/13/2017 11:04:05 PM
To: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Subject: RE: Comments on proposed uranium mining and storage plans on Lakota lands

Thank you for emailing me your comments on the draft UIC Dewey-Burdock permitting actions. I have added your email to the list of public comments received. I have also added you to my contact list to keep you informed on future EPA activities related to these proposed actions.

Thank you!

Valois

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Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>
Subject: Comments on proposed uranium mining and storage plans on Lakota lands

Dear Valois Shea;

We are in smack the midst of a point in history where our decisions will determine whether the planet survives with humans or not. The amount of poisons we have saturated the soil, water and air with is already killing thousands of us daily, whether it be from cancer or the harsh affects of life threatening ailments induced by everything from household chemicals to fossil fuel spills and by-products. Now is the time to stop the madness and embrace the common sense and logic pointing in the direction of supporting a sustainable environment. Please consider the majority of American citizens that pay your salary as we insist the EPA stop leaning "for" corporation's that are continuously determined to annihilate and poison the water which sustains us all, by their complete lack of concern for the environment and water, our livesource.

In March of this year the EPA issued two draft permits to Powertech, a multinational corporation and division of Azarga Uranium Corporation of Canada. Together these permits would allow the drilling of thousands of wells within 14 different fields. These wells would bore hundreds of feet into the ground and pierce the Inyan Kara system of underground aquifers. The second of the two permits is to allow the disposal of hazardous waste materials resulting from uranium mining. Both permits would needlessly

expose the Lakota Oyate to the devastation of uranium mining and continue America's war against Red Nations' peoples.

Since 1980 we have been depleting more resources from the earth than we are generating. As of today, the rate of "taking" vs. "replenishing" is at 50%. A path that has us destined for extinction. I am completely against these permits due to the obvious risk and detriment to our health, mental stability and planetary regeneration these permits will allow. Uranium has only been aggressively used as a source of energy for 60 years, yet look at the continued death of the Pacific ocean as the Fukushima disaster rages on with no containment in sight. The only containment for any hazardous substances we've already generated is above ground retrievable storage will allow for containment without the risk of breaching the aquifers. To say it's OK to generate more deadly waste that we have no way of making non-toxic makes no sense.

"The Inyan Kara, Minnelusa, and Madison aquifers are the principal sources of ground water in the northern Black Hills, South Dakota and Wyoming, and Bear Lodge Mountains, Wyoming. The aquifers are exposed in the Bear Lodge Mountains and the Black Hills and are about 3,000 to 5,000 ft below the land surface ... The direction of groundwater movement is from the outcrop area toward central South Dakota."

Thank you for your courage and ethical decision **NOT** to approve this permits.

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